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In re application of: Hill et al.

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Application No.: 10/690,239

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Examiner: Krisanne Marie Jastrzab

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCREASING CONCENTRATION OF STERILANT IN
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**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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- Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity .

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDIT. FEE
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$	0.00	= \$	0.00
					TOTAL \$ 0.00			
					ADDIT. FEE			

No additional fee for claims is required.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.